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SUBJ: GREECE-NATO RELATIONSHIP

1. OPPOSITION SISTER PAPERS TO VIMA AND TA NEA REPORT IN BRUSSELS-DATELINED STORIES MARCH 4 THAT GREEK ARMED FORCES AND NAVY CHIEFS GENERAL DAVOS AND ADMIRAL KONOFAS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE NATO SPRING "MAP EXERCISE" (PRESUMABLY HILEX) SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. AFTER NOTING THE ABOVE, TO VIMA AND TA NEA DISCUSS THE OBJECT OF THE UPCOMING GREECE-NATO TALKS. TA NEA SAYS THAT IN TALKING ABOUT THESE DISCUSSIONS SYG LUNS RECENTLY SPOKE OF A "TEMPORARY" RELATIONSHIP WHICH, HE EXPLAINED, WAS A "TRANSITIONAL SITUATION" THAT WILL LEAD TO GREECE'S FULL RETURN TO THE MILITARY WING OF NATO.

2. BOTH PAPERS STATE THAT NATO EXPERTS HAVE DECIDED
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TO OFFER GREECE A "SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT" INSTEAD OF THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" REQUESTED BY GREECE. CITING "EXCLUSIVE NATO HEADQUARTERS INFORMATION," TO VIAM EXPLAINS THAT THE EXPERTS BELIEVE THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" IS A "PRETEXT" SINCE GREECE "HAS NOT EXHAUSTED ALL THE POSSIBILITIES THAT NATO STATUTES OFFER." FOR EXAMPLE, THEY POINT OUT, NORWAY "ARRANGED" LONG AGO TO

CLEAR IN ADVANCE ALL EXERCISE PARTICIPANTS ON HER TERRITORY. GREECE, SO THE EXPERTS ARE SAID TO BELIEVE, HAS RIGHTS IN THE ALLIANCE THAT SHE HAS NOT USED, SUCH AS THE ABILITY TO KEEP NATIONAL SECURITY DATA FROM NATO (AS, THE ARTICLE CLAIMS, TURKEY DID BEFORE THE CYPRUS INVASION) OR TO TRANSFER UNITS TO NATIONAL COMMAND (AS THE UK DID IN NORTHERN IRELAND, TURKEY IN CYPRUS, AND FRANCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BEFORE SHE LEFT THE MILITARY STRUCTURE). BOTH PAPERS STRESS THAT, NEVERTHELESS, DAVOS WILL INSIST ON A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP," NOT AN "ARRANGEMENT."

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO GOG COMMENT ON THE ABOVE PRESS STORIES.
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